at the Dakar Islamic Summit and 21st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

10. Decides to consider the Jammu & Kashmir dispute at the 21st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and recommends its consideration at the Dakar Islamic Summit."

**Mysterious death of Shanmugham**

435. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since inquired into the security lapse leading to the mysterious death of Shanmugham, the main accused in Rajiv Gandhi assassination case;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any further clues have been found in connection with the case; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The matter is under examination.

(c) and (d) The investigations are still in progress.

**Hiring of private cars by Delhi Police**

436. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Police using more private Escort cars" appearing in the weekly Sunday Observer dated July 28, 1991 indicating that over 80 private cars are hired daily at a bill of Rs. 24,000 by the Delhi Police to provide escorts to certain high risk individuals as it is economical to hire *vis-a-vis* the option of owing and maintaining vehicles;

(b) whether Government have any contingency plans to change the tactics of providing the security cover instead of the present alternative of providing escorts; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) A news item captioned "Police using more private Escort cars" appeared in the Sunday Observer in its issue of July 28, 1991.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government to withdraw Escort cars provided to various protected persons as security cover.

**Indians residing abroad**

437. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian residing in foreign countries at present, with country-wise figures; and

(b) the number of such Indians who have since taken foreign citizenship, with country-wise figures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Available information as on 1-10-89 is given in the attached Annexure. Current figures are not available.

[*See* Appendix CLX Annexure No. 22 ]

**Construction of a modern prison in Delhi**

438. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a modern prison in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?